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LOCAL NOTINGS

One feature of the enlistments from Strathmore during the past few weeks is that the men who have enlisted have mainly thrown up good positions to help the country, and that quite a large proportion are married men with families. All honor to them and to their wives, for the sacrifice demanded of the soldier's wife in war time is almost as great as that of the husband.

E. F. Drake, Commissioner for Immigration, Ottawa, was in the district last week looking over the situation.

Ladies stopping at the Maple Leaf will get all the courtesies possible shown them.

While the Government experimental grain plots at the east end of town have lost their value as records owing to the fall, yet the other crops have shown great results. Mr. Waters has a couple of acres of red clover which is stated by those who have seen it to be one of the finest ever raised anywhere. The broom grass, timothy and alfalfa has also shown fine returns.

Yes, they do give a 75c meal for 35c, put up by a first class white chef at the Maple Leaf Hotel.

A local dairyman claims that his establishment was shot up on Monday morning by a party of duck hunters, who he claims, landed a pellet in his wife's face, besides perforating his washbowl and killing some of his time ducks. He will not say what idea what it means to be a stay-at-home Belgian these days.

Mrs. J. H. M. Martin, whose husband has enlisted with the 56th Battalion, has a detestation some of his local responsibilities, having been appointed registrar of vital statistics and process issuer for Strathmore and district.

The manager, chef, and all employees are white, at the Maple Leaf Hotel.

Mr. Williams, the new local agent for the Imperial Elevator, is now in town. The three local elevators are now in good shape to handle this season's big crop.

The latest of our local farmers, Messrs. F. Field and D. F. Garrett.

Try the high-class wines, liquors and cigars, at the Maple Leaf Hotel, combined with the prompt service they are unequalled.

Fr. Deman, who for the past year has had charge of the local Catholic Mission, has been transferred to a post in the Peace River Country, for which he will leave shortly.

The population was increased by two this week. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. Seales on Wednesday, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Evess on Monday.

Dwellings are at a premium in town now, and the few that have been vacant are being snapped up by people who are having their children educated at the local school.

A field of alfalfa planted this year Mr. Hans Lausen has given a tonnage of 1 1/2 tons per acre, which is something of a record for a first cutting.

For sale, a ready-made farm, all dry land, two miles from Strathmore. Easy terms, Price \$30 per acre—F. T. McElhiney, off Tuesday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walker, C.P.R. Farm, on Tuesday.

Joe Kennedy, of Empress, spent Sunday with Thos. Crawford. He says they have been in the district last week looking over the situation.

Under the auspices of Strathmore Athletic Society, an entertainment will be given by the Eckhardt Musical Company on Friday, September 10, in Strathmore Opera House. Admission 50c, Children 25c.

An interesting letter by Mr. F. J. Hartell will appear in next issue.

On Sunday afternoon fire destroyed the Canadian Bank of Commerce building at Redford, also the Post Office, Watson's Hardware Store, and Vansyckle's pool room. The fire commenced in the back part of the store, which is used as a dwelling house, and once got started the inhabitants could do nothing but watch it burn, after rescuing much of the effects of the various properties as possible.

Wanted, a woman in Strathmore to come to in private house, each day for a few hours to assist with housework. Apply F.A. Box 39, Strathmore.

The children of a Blind School at Swiss Cottage near London, have knitted 3,000 pairs of socks for the soldiers and sailors besides weaving several hundred baskets for the British and Russian Navies. In addition they got up two entertainments which netted \$450 for the Red Cross and Belgian Relief fund.

The Canadian Red Cross has an exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto. It covers all phases of the Society's activities both here and in Europe and is expected to attract a good deal of public attention.

Judgment against Mr. Johnson, of Morris, and C. B. Black, of Skooma, is \$8,840 on a P.A. claim to recover the former in 1909, and on which he has only paid the first instalment, the balance being \$7,840. The balance is also claimed amounting to \$845. J. C. Black is now in possession under an agreement of sale.

The townspeople and merchants are gathered at the Farmers' Sale, on Saturday in each month into a Farmers' Market day. Come along to see the good work. Fine stock, a first class market and the farmers the town of Strathmore.

We have some dry lands at exceptionally low prices, and easy terms—F. T. McElhiney.

Enlistment Boom Continues

Strathmore is getting a great deal of the right kind of advertising in the city papers during the past two weeks, because of the number of recruits supplied to Canada's Overseas Battalions. One of the city papers went so far as to say that every eligible man in Strathmore had enlisted but one, and he was going as soon as he had completed harvesting. While the writer of that article must have relied altogether on his imagination, yet Strathmore must pretty nearly hold a record for the number of men enlisted in proportion to population throughout the Province of Alberta.

A further number of enlistments have been recorded since last issue, these including: E. H. Smith, Town Constable of Strathmore for the past two years; Harry Wood, an employee of the Strathmore Trading Coy. for the past five years, Secretary of Strathmore School Board, and Strathmore Masonic Lodge, and holding positions with other local organizations; Wm. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Gray, who has conducted a successful draying business in Strathmore for the past; and Geo. Fleming, carpenter.

H. W. Dakin, who with his brother Roy, conducted a tinmith and plumbing business here up till now, has enlisted with the 56th (Edmonton) Battalion, in which his brother has been for some weeks. Both Roy and Al are experienced musicians, and their enlistment has lost the Strathmore Town Band two of its best performers.

A number of other local boys went up on Labor Day to Calgary, but found the recruiting offices closed.

Mr. Martin, one of the employees of the Standard Office and son of Mr. and Mrs. James Martin, enlisted in the 56th Battalion yesterday.

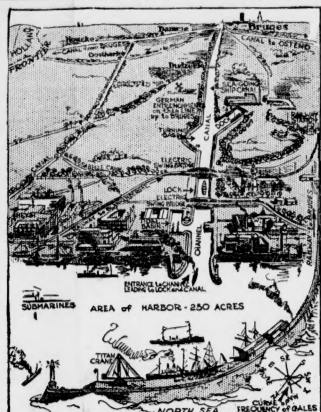
In next issue we intend to publish list of all the men who have enlisted from Strathmore, from the beginning of the war until the present date.

The Home Guard

Some surprise has been expressed that nothing has been done in regard to the Home Guard, which was organized so enthusiastically a couple of weeks ago. The reason for the delay has been the inability to obtain an instructor. The committee interviewed several of the officers at the Sarsau Camp, and they were favorable to the proposition of letting a sergeant of some of the corps at present in Calgary come down during the winter months. But Col. A. H. Shanks, D.O.C., is firmly against the proposal, and as a consequence, nothing has been done, none of the local men feeling that they have enough experience in the new drill to enable them to instruct recruits.

The Government has announced that they are favorable to the formation of home guards as a kind of reserve militia, but men over thirty-five years of age alone are eligible to enlist.

It looks as though the question will settle itself so far as Strathmore is concerned, in a short time, to give a number of those who put their names down as willing to join a home guard have now been listed for active service, and others intend to go very shortly.



Fine Harbor at Zebrugg is shelter for submarines.

A general view of Zebrugg, the German naval base on the Belgian coast. The extensive waterways provide an ideal haven for submarines. British warships have repeatedly sailed the German waters at this point.

Educating Corn

Our readers will remember that at the Agricultural School here one week last winter, Mr. J. C. Smith, the prominent agriculturalist from across the border, in the course of a fine address, advised the farmers here to experiment with corn. He said that if they made a start this year it would only be a matter of time before this district was in the corn belt.

The advice has evidently not fallen on deaf ears, for quite a few of the farmers have planted corn on a small scale this year, and some have been enjoying green corn on their tables for the past two weeks.

It is said this has not been an ideal season for raising corn, owing to the abnormal moisture during the growing months, but the results attained have been very encouraging.

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corn on the cob for table purposes, and several townpeople have raised it successfully in their gardens.

The Harvest

Since our last issue great progress has been made with the harvesting of the crops in the Strathmore district, and it is estimated that by now at least 75 per cent of the crop is cut. The weather has been favorable, the only rain falling on Monday night, when 45 of an inch fell, but sunny weather on Tuesday soon put the grain into shape for cutting again. The crop is so heavy this year that it is taxing the strength of the binders to the utmost, and breakages are frequent. The twice required has exceeded the estimates in most cases, but supplies are coming in fairly well.

The pricing of grain will commence towards the latter end of this week, and crews are being assembled and preparations made for a lengthy threshing season. There has been no frost so far, and oats planted late are maturing fast, while the second crop of oats on a number of farms that were hulled out has every chance of being cut and threshed.

The pricing of grain is the only bad factor this year. Farmers have had to expect that wheat would be at least \$3.00 per bushel, but the enormous crop being harvested throughout the North American Continent has evidently upset all expectations, and prices have been on the down grade throughout the last few weeks. Most farmers intend to hold as much grain as they possibly can until the spring, when they expect that prices will improve.

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